

Alexandria Gazette.

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 26, 1901.

LOCAL MATTERS

Don't rise tomorrow at 7:17 a. m. and sets at 4:44 p. m. High water at 5:56 a. m. and 7:22 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section cloudy and unsettled weather tonight and Friday; occasional rain is probable; light northeasterly winds, becoming southeasterly.

DEATH OF MR. ARMSTRONG.—Mr. Anthony W. Armstrong, whose illness had been mentioned in the Gazette, died Tuesday evening about six o'clock at his home on Prince street. The deceased was a widow, formerly Miss Jessie B. Eason, of New York, and two children—a son and a daughter. Mr. Armstrong was a son of the late J. T. Armstrong, and was born in this city thirty-eight years ago. A diligent scholar in his school days he graduated at St. John's Academy before he entered his teens and for some time was clerk in a wholesale grocery store in old Liberty Hall building. Later he entered the National Law School in Washington and by close application to his studies soon graduated and passed the necessary examination. He, however, did not commence the practice of law until a year or two later, and for some time was Deputy City Sergeant under Mr. Robert Lucas and at one time was chairman of the city republic committee. About the time Mr. Lucas went out of office Mr. Armstrong began the practice of law. His rise was rapid, and although the youngest member of the bar he realized the truth of the saying, "There is plenty of room on top," and he was not long in getting on top. His practice steadily increased and in a short time he had the business he could attend to. His vitality was never vigorous, and his physical condition ever and anon gave him trouble, but for years he managed to recuperate from prostrations, and it was the earnest hope of his many friends that his recent indisposition would prove no more serious than preceding ones. The chronic trouble which beset him, however, manifested serious phases, and it became apparent that his frail physique was unable to cope with the misadventure which he was suffering. He gradually weakened until Tuesday when it became apparent that his death was a matter of a few hours. He lingered until about six o'clock when his death occurred. The deceased popularity of Mr. Armstrong is well known and needs no comment. Kind and courteous toward all with whom he came in contact he made friends continually and his death is much regretted by all who knew him. The members of the household whose souls are darkened by the Christmas season were comforted by the thought that his death was a matter of a few hours. He lingered until about six o'clock when his death occurred. The deceased popularity of Mr. Armstrong is well known and needs no comment. Kind and courteous toward all with whom he came in contact he made friends continually and his death is much regretted by all who knew him. The members of the household whose souls are darkened by the Christmas season were comforted by the thought that his death was a matter of a few hours.

CHRISTMAS PASSED OFF reasonably quiet, more so than any previous ones in the memory of Alexandrians. The usual festivity and horn blowing was omitted to a great extent at least—and the streets this morning were not littered with red paper and wadding from explosives. Many rejoiced in the change and expressed the earnest hope that people would endeavor to acquire a different taste in the celebration of the Christmas holidays. It was possible to bring out teams yesterday without having the horses frightened by the explosion of huge firecrackers, torpedoes, &c. There were, of course, some pictured by Dickens in the character of Steerforth in David Copperfield, who watched opportunities to light dynamite crackers, but the police kept on the heels of such people and an occasional admonition had its effect. There were comparatively few persons showing signs of indulgence, and they were generally orderly. Numbers of people followed the time honored custom of keeping open house, and social calls were about as numerous as on former occasions, while gifts and happy salutations were exchanged and the joy of the day entered into with a will. The city was remarkably quiet at night, and but few people were on the streets.

DEATHS.—Mrs. Margaret Johnston, wife of Mr. Richard W. Johnston, commonwealth's Attorney for Alexandria, died suddenly at her home near Arlington, about 12 o'clock Tuesday night. She was a daughter of the late Louis Hopkins, of this city, and had a number of relatives and many friends here. Besides her husband she is survived by four children—two sons and two daughters. Her death resulted from heart disease. Mr. Johnston, on account of ill-health, was spending the winter in Charleston, S. C., was summoned and has arrived home. Mrs. Johnston was in Alexandria Monday and her death was sudden and unexpected.

ELIJAH BENSON, son of the late Geo. Benson, died after a protracted illness, at his home, on Queen street, last night, about 10:30 o'clock, aged 22 years. Mr. Benson had at his early age won for himself many friends by his urbane manners and genial disposition. The members of the I. O. U. N. Club (now extinct) among a host of other friends feel deeply the loss at this anniversary season of the year when their father was so prominent in their social intercourse and functions.

RIVER NOTES.—The steamer Westmoreland left Tuesday evening on her last trip of the season between this city, Baltimore and the landings on the lower end of the Potomac river. The Alexandria and Washington ferry line steamer Belle Haven, which has been withdrawn from the route for the past three days in consequence of the ice, resumed her trips yesterday morning. There are two steamers on the route.

THE STEAMER JAMES TULL has resumed her trips on the river route. The schooner Beulahand, from Severn river with sand for the Old Dominion Glass Works, is at W. A. Smoot and Co's wharf.

CHUMPED FROM A WINDOW.—Two young men entered the house of Eva Baker, on north Lee street, last night, and when they were discovered one of them jumped out a second story window and hurt himself considerably. The woman had the man taken into the house, but realizing that he needed surgical attention had him removed to the station house preliminary to his transfer to the infirmary. He was still at the station house this morning unable to stand on his feet and later was sent to the infirmary.

TO ENLARGE THEIR PLANT.—The Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company, as soon as the weather will permit, will begin the enlargement of their plant in the northeastern section of the city. The works have already grown into large proportions, and at times during the busy season about one hundred men are employed in and about the premises. It is proposed to put in more powerful machinery and increase the capacity of the plant in various particulars.

THE RIVER.—The river is still full of floating ice and navigation by sailing vessel is considerably impeded. There was but one vessel load of oysters at the dock this morning, although it is said a number are in the river on the way up. The ice affords no impediment to steam vessels, and the Norfolk and river boats arrive and depart about on time.

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FIRE AND SHOOTING AFFRAY.—A gasoline tank in a shed adjoining Mr. Owen Nugent's store, northwest corner of King and Payne streets, caught fire early Saturday night and for a time caused considerable excitement. Those employed on the premises managed to get the tank into the street and as the fluid burned it lighted up the entire neighborhood. The fire department quickly responded and in a few minutes' time the gasoline was flowing into the intersection of the street and around the corner. Earth was thrown on the burning fluid and the flames eventually subdued. While the excitement was going on a negro named Deshae Bryant persisted in annoying the firemen, and when remonstrated with became abusive. William Lyles, the special policeman at the W. & O. depot, at the request of several firemen, is claimed, the latter with a threat, placed his hand to his hip pocket as if about to draw a pistol. Mr. Lyles at this juncture drew his revolver and fired, but Bryant had dodged and Beverly Washington, colored, who was standing behind him, received the bullet in the left side of the chest. Washington walked to the infirmary, where the wound, which is not of a serious nature, was dressed by Dr. W. R. Purvis, after which the injured man went to his home. Yesterday afternoon Washington returned to the infirmary, where he will remain under treatment until he has entirely recovered. Bryant was fined \$5 by the Mayor yesterday morning.

PERSONAL.—Miss Anna Lee, daughter of General Fitzhugh Lee, led the first dance of the Century Cotillon given in Willard's hotel, Washington, on Monday evening, with Dr. Robert F. Mason of Virginia. Mr. E. Sewell Slingluff, son of Mr. Fielder Slingluff, of Baltimore, is critically ill at the Maryland University Hospital, suffering with typhoid fever, complicated with Bright's disease. Mr. Henry Newby and son, of Alexandria, are visiting Mr. T. N. Fletcher in Washington. Mr. D. W. Pottymann, now of Columbia, S. C., is in the city to spend the holidays. Misses Elizabeth and Louise Walker, of Droy's staff, and Miss Marie Adkins, of Petersburg, are spending the holidays with Miss Elizabeth Goodhand, No. 222 north Royal street. Mr. Phil. Leterman, of Charlottesville, with her son, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Strauss. Mr. A. W. Moore is quite sick at his home on Lee street. Capt. G. A. Muehch continues seriously ill at a number of Alexandria Shriners will leave for Richmond this evening to attend the meeting of a Miss Temple tonight. Col. Richard H. Dancy, of Fauquier county, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Southgate Lemon, at her residence in Baltimore. Mr. Craig Stanley is quite ill with pneumonia at the home of his father, Capt. H. C. Stanley.

On Monday last Rev. Dr. Joseph Packard, of the Episcopal Theological Seminary, entered upon his 90th year and notwithstanding his advanced age his faculties are unimpaired and he enjoys excellent health. Mrs. Marshall L. King is spending Christmas with her parents in Christchurch, Md. Mr. J. Ellis Norris, formerly of this city, but now of Havana, Cuba, is visiting his parents on Prince street. A quiet marriage ceremony was performed at the Hotel Falmouth yesterday when Miss Daisy R. Intard and Mr. Isaac R. Fagan, both of Woodstock, were united in wedlock, the ceremony being performed by Elder J. A. Norton, of Washington. Mr. Charles F. Neale is critically ill at his residence on Duke street. Miss Beula Jones is spending her two weeks vacation with her mother, Mrs. Dr. Jones, and has as her guest Miss Geraldine Taylor, of Baltimore, Md.

CHIEF PETTER'S TURKEY.—There is no day in the year that every man, be he rich or poor, imagines that he has a right to expect on any one day a turkey dinner other than on Christmas Day. Much disappointment was caused Chief Geo. W. Petter's family on Tuesday night upon the discovery that some miscreant had entered their yard and removed a twenty-three pound bird that had been prepared for a holiday feast. The theft was soon known, and many treated it as a joke, and said the turkey was all right. In discussing the matter today the Chief said the joke was kept up too long. He at first thought that as he had forgotten to carry out his usual custom of presenting each member of the fire department with a Christmas turkey, that they had used his turkey as a reminder of this remembrance. A telephone to Engineer Bonitz was replied to with the answer: "Don't worry—Steve Taylor has it," but this was corrected subsequently by Mr. Bonitz saying that he was mistaken, that the turkey was what the genial driver of No. 4 required for one meal, for one, and added that he understood a short, round member of the police force was on the inside trail of the thief, and if he caught up with him and secured the goods he would get on the outside of the turkey. None of the clues were effective and the Chief says he was advised to eat sausage, pudding, fatback, etc., but that all of these he had, with cakes, candies, nuts, jellies, but he wanted turkey; that he was also told to buy a burglar alarm. He cut but little for the loss of twenty-three pounds of meat at sixteen cents per pound, but he did miss saying grace over even a ten-pound turkey on December 25. Concluding the Chief said if the feast should be attempted a year hence, culprit would die of nervous prostration caused by the bullet from a catfish entering his carcass "where the chicken got the eye."

ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.—Frederick Marshall, a brakeman on the Southern Railway, was taken to Washington last night from Strasburg, with a gunshot wound in the abdomen. It is believed that the bullet had perforated the intestines and that the patient is in a very serious condition. It is believed the shooting was accidental and was done by an unknown person. At the time of the shooting a young woman named Miss Lizzie Taylor, prominent in society, was using a revolver for target practice near where Marshall was standing. She did her shooting from a window of her house, and it is possible that a bullet from her revolver flew wide and struck Marshall. His home is at Burke station, Fairfax county.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS.—The Sunday Schools of Christ and St. Paul's Churches yesterday afternoon held their Christmas entertainments in their respective Sunday school rooms. There was a large attendance at each and elaborate musical and literary programmes were rendered. Candy was distributed among the pupils at the conclusion of each.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL OF IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH held their Christmas entertainment last night in that church at 7:30 o'clock, and an excellent musical and literary programme was rendered, after which candy was distributed to the pupils. The church was crowded with the relatives and friends of the little ones and an enjoyable evening was spent.

RESUMED WORK.—Messrs. Cuvillier & Weedon have resumed work on the south Fairfax street improvement, and should the weather prove propitious part of that square will soon have new curbing and a vitrified brick roadway. The three squares on King street which have been patrolled by boys who bring their Christmas wagons on them.

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The proceedings of the Police Court yesterday and today were devoid of general interest. The cases were mostly of a trivial nature and mostly the result of over-indulgence in the cheer of the season.

The remains of the late John McQuinn, who died Tuesday at his home at Rosslyn, were brought here this morning and interred in the Union Cemetery. The funeral services were held at his late home.

John Moncreu Conway, who died a few days ago at Williamsburg, and was buried at Fredericksburg, was a nephew of Miss Margaret C. Conway, of this city. The deceased was at one time purser of the steamer Norfolk.

The members of the Ravensworth Club last night entertained their friends at their newly furnished clubhouse on Washington street near King. There was a large attendance and a most pleasant evening was spent. The Bachelor Club will keep open house, as usual, New Year's day.

Mrs. Fiske, who resides at New Alexandria, reported to Chief Webster yesterday that a number of persons had bombarded her home at that place, firing pistols and cannon crackers at it. She was informed that her house was situated in Fairfax county, which is beyond the jurisdiction of the Alexandria police, and that they could do nothing for her in the matter.

George A. Klingler, a carriage painter by trade, and an unknown woman were found dead Tuesday night in a room of the Hotel Lyons, Washington. Their death had been caused by asphyxiation, it being caused by Schenck's gas, N. Y., which was being used for burial. The woman was about 50 years old and so far no one has been able to identify her.

Marriage licenses were issued in Washington on Tuesday to Charles E. Brown, of Bedford county, and Bessie Downing, of Fauquier county; Robert E. Lewis and Eva C. Creed, both of Alexandria; Page Saunders and Agnes Arnold, both of Great Falls; Oliver L. Grant, of Middleburg, and Julia Brown, and Robert C. Broadbent, of Manassas, and Bessie V. Martin, of Chesterfield county.

The fraters of Old Dominion Commandery, K. T., met at their asylum in the Masonic temple yesterday afternoon and drank to the health of the Grand Master of the order in the United States.

Mr. John Brisset brought to this office today a waiter of salt water oysters on the half shell which were really fine.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO-QUININE TABLETS All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box. 25c.

How to Cure Croup. Mr. R. Gray, who lives near Amelia, Duchess county, N. Y., says: "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is the best medicine I have ever used. It is a safe children's remedy for croup and never fails to cure." When given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough has developed, it will prevent the attack. This should be borne in mind and a bottle of the Cough Remedy kept at hand ready for instant use as soon as these symptoms appear. For sale by Richard Gibson, druggist.

SPECIAL NOTICE! The mills for the two brocel figures "FIRE AND WATER" will take place at Mr. George Pottery's restaurant, on Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on Friday night, December 7, at 8 o'clock sharp. All ticket holders are notified to appear or their number will be thrown by some one present. dec26 2t

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